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TO Chief, EE
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FROM Chief of Station, Vienna []

SUBJECT { GENERAL Operational/CRBOUNCE
SPECIFIC Visit of Austrian Journalists to the USSR

Reference: EAVA-12303

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nothing of Redheim
interest.*

1. [] supplied to [] a report of a meeting of the Falkgrunde (a group of retired police officials) which took place in Vienna on 4 November 1955 at which (Dr.) Franz GROESSL was the principal speaker. Dr. GROESSL was a member of the Austrian journalist delegation to the USSR.

2. The report gives in detail Dr. GROESSL's "true" impressions of the terrible conditions that exist in the Soviet Union. He was not able to reflect these impressions in his comments which were published in the OeVP paper Das Kleine Volksblatt lest he violate the "spirit of neutrality."

3. It is astounding that Dr. GROESSL omitted these comments from his description of the USSR for apparently no other reason than not to "hurt the feelings" of his Soviet hosts. It appears that Chancellor K. A. B's attitude on "neutrality" has permeated into the lower levels of his party.

4. (Dr.) SCHULMEISTER too was extended an invitation to speak, however, before the Austro-Soviet Cultural Society which he, at the behest of [] [] politely declined. Dr. SCHULMEISTER intends to publish the "truth" in a Catholic magazine Wahrheit und Wort (Truth and Word).

5. It is suggested that this material be digested and sanitized for possible utilization by one of the IO projects and beamed in a radio broadcast to the Satellites.

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Att: One report as given above.

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